



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
District Test Coordinators

FROM: Elizabeth Jones, Director
Office of Assessment

DATE: October 2, 2015

RE: English Language Proficiency Assessment

In May 2015, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) submitted a Request for Proposals (RFP) to the Budget and Control Board to procure a 5-year contract for the administration of an English language proficiency assessment beginning in 2015–16. As of September 2015, the State Fiscal Accountability Authority (SFAA), the agency that now handles procurement, had not released the RFP. Therefore, the SCDE requested and was given permission by the SFAA to contract for *Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State To State for English Language Learners, ACCESS for ELLs®* for 2015–16 through an emergency procurement.

Until a contract is signed, districts cannot log in to their WIDA user account and will not have access to the screener (W-APT), certificates, or training. I will notify you as soon as the contract is signed.

If you have any questions, please contact me at ejones@ed.sc.gov or (803) 734-8295.